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Mr. David O. Cooke  
Deputy Assistant Secretary  
of Defense (Administration)  
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Dear Doc:

Senator Frank Church, chairman of the Senate Select Committee to Study Governmental Operations with Respect to Intelligence Activities, has requested the assistance of the National Archives and Records Service in obtaining permission for members of the Committee staff to examine material which was classified by your agency and is now among the Presidential papers in the John F. Kennedy Library. A list of the files to which the Committee desires access is enclosed.

Senator Church has designated the following Committee staff members to review the Kennedy Library materials, and he has indicated that each currently holds the security clearances listed:

Peter Fenn, TS/SI/TK/B  
Karl R. Inderfurth, TS/SI/TK/B  
Alan Rombert, TS/SI/TK/B  
Gregory F. Trevorton, TS/SI/TK/B

It is the policy of the National Archives to require authorization from the agency that classified the information before access to classified material among Presidential papers is granted. It is my hope that as the representative of the Department of Defense on the Interagency Classification Review Committee you will assist us in expediting this matter. I am sending similar letters to the Department of State, the National Security Council, and the Central Intelligence Agency.

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We would appreciate an early determination by your agency as to whether to grant access in this instance. In addition, we welcome your advice on how to handle any Committee requests for copies of documents originated by your agency. The Kennedy Library, I should add, has secure copying facilities.

Should you require further information, please contact Dr. Daniel J. Reed, Assistant Archivist for Presidential Libraries, 963-6363. I thank you for your assistance in this matter.

Sincerely,

*151 Best*

JAMES B. RHOADS  
Archivist of the United States

Enclosures

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